

Chambers of Circuit Judge Fortunato P. Benavides *continued*

Judicial: Judge, Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 2 (1977-1979); Judge, Texas District Court, 92nd Judicial District (1981-1984); Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, 13th District (1984-1991); Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1991-1992)

Legal Practice: Rankin, Kern & Martinez (1972-1974); Partner, Cisneros & Benavides (and predecessor firms) (1974-1980); Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of Fortunato P. Benavides (1980-1981); Associate, Atlas & Hall (1993-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Staff

Law Clerk **Jared Lenow** (512) 916-5796
Term Expires: August 2009
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Law Clerk **Marisa Secco** (512) 916-5796
Term Expires: August 2009
Education: Texas 2007 JD
Law Clerk **Samuel Wiseman** (512) 916-5796
Term Expires: August 2009
Education: Yale 2007 JD
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Education: Kentucky 1990 JD
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Carl E. Stewart
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Dillard 1971 BA;
Loyola (New Orleans) 1974 JD
Began Service: May 9, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat



Academic: Adjunct Instructor, Louisiana State University in Shreveport (1982-1985)

Government: Staff Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1978-1979); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1983); Special Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (1983-1985); Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Shreveport, Louisiana (1983-1985)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, First Judicial District (1985-1991); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Piper & Brown (1977-1978); Partner, Stewart & Dixon (1983-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1974-1977)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The Harry V. Booth - Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Black Lawyers Association of Shreveport-Bossier; Louisiana Conference of Judges of Courts of Appeal; Louisiana State Bar Association; National Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

Staff

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Began Service: August 2008
Term Expires: August 2009
Education: NYU 2005 JD

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Term Expires: August 2009
Education: Chicago 2005 JD
Judicial Assistant **Marilyn A. Myers** (318) 676-3765
Education: Northwestern State 1983 BS;
Grambling State 1997 MS
Judicial Secretary **Inolia Y. Johnson** (318) 676-3765
Education: United Sem MRE

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James L. Dennis
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Louisiana Tech 1959 BS; LSU 1962 JD; Virginia 1984 LLM
Began Service: October 2, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; Visiting Professor, Tulane University

Government: State Representative James Dennis (R-LA), Louisiana State House of Representatives (1968-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, Fourth Judicial District (1972-1974); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1974-1975); Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1975-1995)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1962-1972)

Military Service: United States Army (1955-1957)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

Staff

Secretary/Office Manager **Terri Hooper** (504) 310-8000

Chambers of Circuit Judge Edith Brown Clement

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Edith Brown Clement
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Alabama 1969 BA; Tulane 1972 JD
Began Service: December 27, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable H.W. Christenberry, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1973-1975)

Judicial: District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1991-2001)

Legal Practice: Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre (1975-1991)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States

Staff

Law Clerk **Jared Hubbard** (504) 310-8068
Began Service: September 2008
Term Expires: September 2009

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Term Expires: August 2009
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Began Service: June 2008
Term Expires: June 2009
Law Clerk **Jim Sonne** (504) 310-8068
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Term Expires: June 2009
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Edward Charles Prado
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Texas 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: May 14, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Bexar, Texas (1972-1976); Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas, State of Texas (1976-1980); United States Attorney, Western District of Texas, United States Department of Justice (1981-1984); District Judge, Chambers of District Judge Edward C. Prado, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1984-2003)

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, Bexar County (1980)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1972-1980)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas

Staff

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Priscilla R. Owen
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1954
Education: Baylor 1976 BA, 1977 JD
Began Service: June 3, 2005
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Justice, Supreme Court of Texas (1995-2005)

Legal Practice: Andrews & Kurth L.L.P. (1977-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association

Staff

Judicial Administrative Assistant **Michele Johnson** (504) 310-8161

Chambers of Circuit Judge Leslie Southwick

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Leslie H. Southwick
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Rice 1972 BA; Texas 1975 JD
Began Service: October 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Affiliation: Adjunct Professor, Mississippi College; Member, The American Law Institute

Academic: Adjunct Professor of Law, Mississippi College (1985-1989); Adjunct Professor of Law, Mississippi College (1998-2006)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable John Onion, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1975-1976); Law Clerk, Chambers of Circuit Judge Charles Clark, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1976-1977)

Government: Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Office of the Associate Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1989-1993)

Judicial: Judge, Mississippi Court of Appeals (1995-2006)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes (1977-1989)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1992-1997); Mississippi National Guard, United States Department of the Army (1997-2006)

Current Memberships: The Charles Clark American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; The American Law Institute; The Mississippi Bar; The Theodore Roosevelt Association

Staff

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Chambers of Circuit Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod

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Jennifer Walker Elrod
Circuit Judge

Education: Baylor 1988 BA; Harvard 1992 JD
Began Service: October 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge Sim Lake, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1992-1994)

Judicial: 190th District Court Judge, County of Harris, Texas (2002-2007)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Baker Botts L.L.P. (1994-2002)

Staff

Judicial Administrative Assistant **Maria Valdez** (713) 259-7590

Chambers of Circuit Judge Catharina Haynes

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Catharina Haynes
Circuit Judge

Education: Florida Tech 1993 BS; Emory 1986 JD
Began Service: April 22, 2008
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: District Judge, 191st District Court, Texas District Courts (1999-2006)

Legal Practice: Associate, Thompson & Knight LLP (1986-1988); Associate, Baker Botts L.L.P. (1988-1994); Partner, Baker Botts L.L.P. (1995-1998); Partner, Dallas, TX Office, Baker Botts L.L.P. (2007-2008)

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